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1. It was learned that the maneuvers in the WUENSDORF (A 53/A 91) area have been completed and troops have returned to their military posts.

The WUENSDORF Kasernes were occupied as follows:

Lutz Kaserne: Tank units of about 2,000 men.

Kasernes of the former Tank School and Tank Instruction Bn: Tank units totaling about 6,000 troops.

Former Sportsschule: Artillery units, about 600 troops.

Hindenburg Kaserne: Artillery units, about 1,200 troops.

25X1B Cambrai Kaserne: Tank units, about 2,000 troops.

2. Groups of 20 to 30 recruits, 18 or 19 years of age, were repeatedly observed arriving by rail during the first half of September 1949. Other groups of about the same strength were seen leaving WUENSDORF for an unknown destination. The personnel was said to have participated in courses of instruction.

3. Numerous foxholes for antitank protection were located in the WUENSDORF area in positions permitting a good round-view, at cross-roads and road-forks.

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Comment:

a. Large-scale maneuvers, presumably held by component units of the 19th Gis Mecz Div, were observed at the ZOSSEN troop training grounds in August 1949. WUENSDORF tank units of this division, however, practiced at the Etzling Heath from late June to early August 1949.

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Previous information that troops from the WULSDORF-KUMMERSDORF kaserne were allegedly to be transferred to the AACHEN area for maneuvers in the second half of August 1949 has not yet been substantiated and appears incredible.

b. The information on the occupation of the WULSDORF kaserne generally agrees with previous reports.

c. Like the other units in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the 19th Gds Mech Div received recruits in early September 1949.

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